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Title: Need to upgrade the existing railway station at Murshidabad, West Bengal to a Model Station.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY(BERHAMPORE,WEST BENGAL): District Murshidabad is recognised as one of the backward district in West Bengal. However, huge tourism potential of the region is yet to be tapped. Lakhs of domestic tourists are visiting the historical sites of the district every year which even facilitate the livelihood of poor and unemployed people. The Railway service is not so frequent as to draw the tourists to the desired level. The age old Murshidabad Railway station does not match the exquisite monument being the legacy of the enriched history of Nawab regime. In order to give a facelift to the city, a model Railway station could act as a 'catalyst'. Insofar infrastructural facilities is concerned railway has a social commitment to extend the required facilities to this remote and backward region of our country which can accelerate the pace of economic development including tourism. In view of this, I think the concerned district should be given a priority as over the years, the people of this historical city have been cherishing the dram of having their dilapidated railway station (Murshidabad) to be transformed into a Model one.

I would urge upon the Government on behalf of the people of Murshidabad to convert the existing Murshidabad Railway Station into a Model Station.